demand-cum-allotment letters, refunds etc. are being sent by Speed Post and proof of delivery is being obtained from Post Office.

13 Counselors/Facilitators have been permanently seated in the main Reception Hall of Vikas Sadan for personally attending to the public visiting DDA offices for various transactions. These Counselors apart from guidance also help in documentation.

Steps have been taken to disseminate information regarding functions and facilities provided by public dealing department to customers by way of issuing brochures, hand books and notices in newspapers and public places. DDA has also created a Website (dda.delhi.com) to provide information to public.

As a short-term measure, disciplinary action is being taken against defaulting officials. During the year 2001-02, the departmental action has been initiated against 100 officials. During the same period disciplinary cases of 152 officials were finalized, of which in 60 cases, major penalty was imposed, which includes 5 cases of removal/dismissal from service and one case of compulsory retirement. In 59 cases, minor penalties were imposed.

Development of towns under IDSMT

3069. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the towns considered for development under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Scheme in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the amount so far, released to each of the cities, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) Scheme, 1172 towns/projects have been covered so far. The

State-wise and town-wise details of Central assistance released are given in the enclosed Annexure. [*See* Appendix 195 Annexure No. 30]

Encroachment on Government land in Delhi

†3070. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that encroachment on Government land in Delhi is still going on;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against the encroachers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) There have been instances of encroachment on vacant Government land. However, detection of, and action against encroachment is a continuous process and action against encroachers are taken under the relevant laws. The Ministry has also urged land owning agencies from time to time, to remain vigilant and protect their lands from encroachment.

Unemployed persons in small and medium towns

†3071. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ascertained the number of unemployed persons in small and medium towns;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.